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**Next County Committee
Meeting:**
May 18, 2011 –Walla Walla
May 19, 2011 – Columbia

**Important Dates to
Remember**

May 31
Memorial Day office closure

June 1
DCP/ACRE signup ends

June 30
Crop reporting deadline

July 15
ACRE production report
deadline

**Notice to Hispanic or Women
Farmers and Ranchers:
Compensation for Claims
Discrimination**

If you believe that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) improperly denied farm loan benefits to you between 1981 and 2000 because you are Hispanic, or because you are female, you may be eligible to apply for compensation. You may be eligible if:

1. you sought a farm loan or farm-loan servicing from USDA during that period; and
2. the loan was denied, provided late, approved for a lesser amount than requested, approved with restrictive conditions, or USDA failed to provide an appropriate loan service; and
3. you believe these actions occurred because you are Hispanic or female.

If you want to register your name to receive a claims package, you can call the Farmer and Rancher Call Center at 1-888-508-4429 or access the following website:
www.farmerclaims.gov

2011 ACRE/DCP Deadline

The deadline to enroll in both the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) and the Direct and Counter-cyclical Programs (DCP) is **June 1, 2011**.

Acreage Reporting Deadline

Acreage reports are required under the 2008 Farm Bill to maintain eligibility for the DCP and ACRE programs, as well as CRP, NAP, SURE and most livestock disaster programs. Reports are also required to commodity loan eligibility. **June 30, 2011**, is the final date to timely certify. Beyond that date, fees will be assessed for late-filed acreage reporting.

ACRE Production Deadline

Producers have until **July 15, 2011** to certify their 2010 ACRE production. Production amounts are used to calculate potential

ACRE-ACRE payments and benchmark yields for future benefits. Failure to meet this deadline will require a refund of all 2010 payments and termination of the ACRE contract.

2009 SURE Sign up Deadline

The deadline for producers to submit applications for 2009 crop year Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments Program (SURE) is **July 29, 2011**. The application and all required documentation must be on file and signed by close of business on that day.

A fact sheet with more detailed information is available on the FSA website. Maps of disaster designations by county are on the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov/wa. For more information, contact this office.

**Farm Changes and
Reconstitutions**

Any changes in your farm's physical makeup, such as adding or removing land, can impact your acreage bases. Farm reconstitutions must be requested by **August 1** to be effective for the 2011 program year. Your farm must comply with program requirements as the operation is currently structured, including required signatures and acreage reporting. Requesting a farm reconstitution after signup could delay your payment, require refunds, or require the process to be completed again.

BUDGET CUTS: Due to budget cuts, this may be the last county newsletter for the fiscal year, ending September 30, 2011. County offices may also not have the funds necessary to print field maps. Producers are encouraged to contact this office for program deadlines and other information.